Sri D. B. KALMANKAR.—It was stated that crop cutting experiment was held in Nandanka village. May I know whether such crop cutting experiments have also been held in all the revenue circles, and if so, what are the results ?

Sri K. H. PATIL.—Crop cutting experiments have been held in all the circles. Since the Hon. member asked about Nandanka village, I have confined my statement to that village.

Sri D. B. KALMANKAR.—Aland and Afzalpur taluks have 3 to 4 revenue circles each. I want to know whether the same situation that exists in Nandana village is there in all the circles It was stated that the percentage of affection is 8 per cent, both in case of Aland and Afzalpur, for jowar and 15 per cent for wheat. This is not correct. The percentage is more in Aland than in Afzalpur. So. the statement of the Hon'ble Minister is far from truth in this respect. May I know the real situation and whether the crop cutting experiments have been held in all the circles and what are the results ?

Sri K. H. PATIL.—I have given full particulars regarding Aland and Afzalpur Taluks, and the percentage has been given as furnished by the Agriculture Department. If the Hon. member knows more than what I know, and if he substantiates the reasons, I will certainly take action against the erring officers.

Sri D. B. KALMANKAR.—On the whole the crops have not been very satisfactory in both Aland and Afpalpur taluks, and as all of us know very well there was a severe drought and the farmers have been reduced to pauperism. Will the Government consider postponing the recovery of seed loans in those areas ?

Sri K. H. PATIL.—I have already stated that in case of levy recovery, if the anevari is less than four annas full remission is given. When there is full remission, naturally all other consequences will follow. Where 8 per cent affect in the crop is there, in the case of small farmers there also the Government has no objection to postpone the recovery. But in other cases, if they want to get it postponed, the Government may not desire to give them any remission.

(iii) re : *ill-treatment of prisoners in Sub-jail at Karwar*

Sri KAGODU THIMMAPPA (Sagar) .—I call the attention of the Chief Minister to the ill-treatment of prisoners in Sub-jail, Karwar and high-handedness of jail officers.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Public Works and Electricity).—Madam Speaker, I beg to make the following statement on behalf of the Hon'ble Chief Minister:

On 2nd March 1974, the Special Sub-Jail, Karwar had 356 prisoners as against 40 which is the normal average population of that jail. The large influx of U.T. prisoners was was due to 'Gajani Bhomi' movement in Karwar district, on account of which admission into this jail commenced swelling from 25th February 1974. The permanent Chief Jailor of this jail was absent on leave from 4th February 1974 to 6th March 1974 and the Jailor was in charge during that period. Food to prisoners numbering 356 had to be arranged to be served in batches due to shortage of vessels and plates as the jail is equipped with the requirements only for the normal population of inmates. On the relevant date, viz., 2nd March 1974, the first batch of prisoners, numbering about 38, refused to part with the tumblers and plates supplied to them inspite of the fact the jailor advised them to co-operate. As they had become adamant, there was an exchange of arguments between the prisoners and the jail officials and the Jailor, with the help of a Warder, removed one U.T. prisoner by name Poinuddin from the barrack, took him to another yard and beat him with a ruler resulting in the fracture of the left hand of the prisoner. The prisoner was treated immediately by the District Surgeon and the fractured hand was plastered. The prisoner has also complained to the Judicial Magistrate (First Class) Halyal, who has taken cognisance of the complaint and has ordered the Superintendent of the Sub-Jail to enquire and submit a detailed report.

On 7th March 1974 when the Jailor was on his morning rounds, he noticed the U.T. prisoners outside their barracks washing their faces and one U.T. prisoner P.M. Abdu after washing his face and wiping it with his hand, stared at the jailor. Infuriated by this behaviour of the prisoner, the Jailor got the head and beard of that U.T. prisoner shaved. There was no incident of any kind with any other prisoner.

The above actions of the Jailor and the Head Warder are opposed to rules and they are placed under suspension. The Superintendent, Borstal School, Dharwar, has been appointed as Enquiry Officer and the enquiry is in progress.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕಾಗೋಡು ತಿಮ್ಮಪ್ಪ.—ಎರಡನೇ ತಾರೀಖು ಕೈದಿಯನ್ನು ಹೊಡೆದು ಅವನ ಕೈಯನ್ನು ಮುರಿದಿರತಕ್ಕ ಜೈಲರ್, ಅತನೇ ದಿನಾಂಕ 7-3-1974ರಂದು ಅಬು ಎನ್ನತಕ್ಕ ಮನುಷ್ಯನ ತಲೆ ಬೋಳಿಸಿ, ಗಡ್ಡ ಬೋಳಿಸಿ, ಮಾಡಿರತಕ್ಕ ಕೆಲಸ ಬಾರ್ಬರಿಸಂ ಅಲ್ಲವೇ ? ಜೊತೆಗೆ ಜೈಲರ್‌ನಿಂದ ಈ ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡಿಸುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಜೆಸರ್ ಕಂಪನಿಯು ಪ್ರೋತ್ಸಾಹ ಕಾರಣವಲ್ಲವೆ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಎಂ. ಚನ್ನಬಸಪ್ಪ.— ಟೆಸರ್ ಕಂಪನಿಗೂ ಈ ಘಟನೆಗೂ ಏನೂ ಸಂಬಂಧ ಇಲ್ಲ. ಅವರು ಮಾಡಿರತಕ್ಕದ್ದು ಶುದ್ಧ ತಪ್ಪು. ಉಗ್ರವಾದಂಥ ಶಿಕ್ಷೆಗೆ ಅರ್ಹರು. ಅವರಿಗೆ ಉಗ್ರವಾದ ಶಿಕ್ಷೆಯನ್ನು ವಿಧಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು ನ್ಯಾಯವಾಗಿದೆ, ಅದನ್ನು ನಾನು ಒಪ್ಪಿಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಕಾನೂನು ಬದ್ಧವಾದ ಕ್ರಮ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೇನೆ.

ABSENCE OF MINISTER

(Sri H. M. Channabasappa rose)

Sri M. S. KRISHNAN (Malleswaram).—Madam Speaker, I rise to a Point of Order. I have been seeing that questions in the name of one Minister are being answered by another Minister; calling attention notice in the name of the Minister for Industries being answered by the Hon'ble Revenue Minister and so on. Now the Hon'ble Minister for Public Works wants to lay the Papers on behalf of the Chief Minister. This is not a new thing. This has come up several times, and we have been requesting every time that the Ministers concerned should be present to answer their questions, etc. Of course, shelter is taken by some of them saying that it is a collective responsibility. It is not so. Let the Papers be laid on the Table of the House on some other day when the Hon'ble Minister would be present.

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—ನಿನ್ನೆ ದಿವಸ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಯವರು ಕಾಗದ ಬರೆದು, ಅವರ ಕೆಲಸವನ್ನೆರಾಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಸಚಿವರು ನೋಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಾರೆ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅದರ ಪ್ರಕಾರವಾಗಿ ನಡೆಯುತ್ತಿದೆ.

Sri M. S. KRISHNAN.—It is not a question of Chief Minister alone; it does not refer only to the Chief Minister. To-day, questions relating to the Industries Minister were answered by the Revenue Minister and the Call Attention notice of the Chief Minister was answered by the Minister for Public Works. We are treated like children with scant respect. The concerned Ministers must be present. Let the Papers be laid tomorrow. The other day, the Chair was kind enough to say that the concerned Ministers must be present while laying the papers. Why is it that they are not here? We cannot be treated in this fashion. I request a Ruling on this.

2-30 P.M.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೋಣಂದೂರು ಲಿಂಗಪ್ಪ.—ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮುಖ್ಯಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಈ ಸದನಕ್ಕೆ ಬರಲಿಕ್ಕೆ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಸರಿಯಿಲ್ಲ. ಕಾಂಗ್ರೆಸ್ ಪಕ್ಷದ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರಾದ ಶ್ರೀ ಶಂಕರದಯಾಳ್ ಶರ್ಮ ಅವರನ್ನು ಬಳ್ಳಾರಿಯವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಏರ್‌ಪೋರ್ಟಿಗೆ ಹೋಗಿದ್ದರು.

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—ನನಗೆ ಚೀಫ್ ಮಿನಿಸ್ಟರಿಂದ ಕಾಗದ ಬಂದಿದೆ. ಅವರು ನನ್ನ ಕೆಲಸವನ್ನು ಪಿ.ಡಬ್ಲ್ಯು.ಡಿ. ಮಿನಿಸ್ಟರ್ ನೋಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಾರೆ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೋಣಂದೂರು ಲಿಂಗಪ್ಪ.—ತಮ್ಮ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಅಲ್ಲ ಹೇಳುತ್ತಾ ಇರುವುದು.